

Leisure Activities

Fun & Amusement Parks:

Erlebnispark Schloss Thurn Forchheim

Schlossplatz 4 – 91336 Heroldsbach – 09190-929898 – www.schloss-thurn.de

Highlights: The park uses a medieval theme in several of its attractions including jousting shows, rides, and medieval tournaments. A fairy tale forest, water slides and much more are gathered around the historical moated castle. There are also wild west stunt shows, knights' tournaments and playgrounds, a petting zoo, and restaurants.

Opening hours: Opening time is always 10 a.m., closing times vary with the season; closed in winter.

Admission Prices:

Tickets for adults are 16 €, 14 € for children; senior discount, family and season tickets are available.

Fränkisches Wunderland Plech

Zum Herrlesgrund 13 – 91287 Plech – 09244-989-0 – www.wunderland.de

Highlights: The “Fränkisches Wunderland” is a mixture of baby land, fairytale forest and a Western town called “Kansas City.” Different attractions include rides like a big Ferris wheel and a sling shot, as well as a 3000-square meter indoor play area. The park is located along A9 going north towards Grafenwoehr.

Opening hours: April to October, daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed during the winter season.

Admission Prices: Tickets prices range between 10.50 € and 12.50 €, children under 1m size are free; parking is 2 €; senior discount, family and annual tickets are available.

Geiselwind

Wiesentheider Str. 25 – 96160 Geiselwind – 09556-92110 – www.freizeitlandgeiselwind.de

Highlights: The Freizeitland is a nature and amusement park; there are rides children of all ages like roller coasters, water rides, high, fast or slow rides as well as carousels, ponies or trains. The park features four different roller coasters and a free fall tower, a small petting zoo, playgrounds and different food venues.

Opening hours: Opening hours are from May to mid-September, daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (varying opening times possible)

Admission Prices: Ticket prices are staggered by size and run from 20 € to 24 €, children under 1.10 m enter for free; senior discount, family and seasonal tickets are available.

Western Town-“Pullman City”

Ruberting 30 – 94535 Eging am See – 08509-938 35 88 – www.pullmancity.de

Highlights: “Pullman City” is the German version of a U.S. Western town and offers Western shows and live music, several US type restaurants and Western stores and overnight stays in a teepee, a block house or the “Palace Hotel.”

Opening hours: Mid-April to end of October, daily from 10 a.m. – 1 a.m.; weekends during Christmas time for German-American Christmas market.

Admission Prices: Tickets for adults cost 13 €, for children 7 €; dogs on the leash are 1 €. Special discounts are available for families, senior citizens and multiple day access.

Bavaria Filmstadt

Bavariafilmplatz 7 – 82031 Geiselgasteig bei München – 089-6499-2000 – www.filmstadt.de

Highlights: The Bavarian film studios offer a look behind the scenes where classic German movies like “Das Boot” or “The Never Ending Story” were filmed. Guided tours in English are offered daily at 1 p.m. during high season; the website is also available in English.

Opening hours: The studios are open daily from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. between mid-April and November, and 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. the rest of the year.

Admission Prices: Adults pay 11 €, children 8 €, senior discounts and family tickets are available.

Legoland in Günzburg

LEGOLAND Allee – 89312 Günzburg – 0-180-570075701 – www.legoland.de

Highlights: LEGOLAND® offers over 40 different attractions and various shows, like the “miniature land” with many famous European sights, the Knight’s Kingdom, Adventure Land, Pirate’s Country or Lego Extreme, all built with more than 50 million Lego bricks. Roller coasters, water slides and other fun rides accomplish the park. The website is available in English.

Opening hours: The opening hours are generally from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. but vary with the season and may be extended for special events; closed for winter season.

Admission Prices: Ticket prices vary; adults pay 37 €, children 33 €; special combination and family tickets and senior citizen discounts are available; online prices are often cheaper.

Europa Park

Europa-Park-Straße 2 – 77977 Rust bei Freiburg – 01805-776688 – www.europa-park.de

Highlights: The Europa Park is named after its main theme, featuring miniature versions of many European countries. Each country section offers various rides and shows as well as national attractions and local cuisine. The website is available in English.

Opening hours: Open daily from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. during the summer season from April to October (may be extended for special events); reduced hours in December from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; closed January – March.

Admission Prices: Adult tickets are 36 €, children pay 32 €; senior discount available.

Playmobil FunPark in Zirndorf

Brandstätterstraße 2-10 – 90513 Zirndorf – 0911-9666-1700 – www.playmobil-funpark.de

Highlights: Although there are no action rides in this park, there are plenty of hands-on activities waiting for creative minds. A gigantic tree house towers above to be climbed by the brave, a pirate ship can be boarded with the help of log rafts, and a knight's castle is waiting to be conquered. Miniature golf and a balancing course help get rid of some of that extra energy.

Opening hours: Times vary according to season; the outdoor section is closed during the winter season.

Admission Prices: Ticket prices range from 5 € to 10 €, depending on the season.

Tucherland in Nürnberg

Marienbergstraße 102 – 90411 Nürnberg – 0911-2399999 – www.tucherland.com

Highlights: The indoor “play factory” features mostly games that require physical activity like climbing, crawling and jumping for different age groups; the large outdoor area offers a traffic safety training area, a miniature golf course with 18 holes and two lakes. The website is available in English.

Opening hours: Times vary throughout the week; German school days 2 – 7 p.m., weekend, German vacation time and holidays 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.,

Admission Prices: Ticket prices vary; adult tickets are 5.50 €, children pay up to 8.30 €, depending on the day; seniors over 65 enter for free.